

My name is Diana Tavary I am a parent of a 27 year old woman with Autism, and is non verbal. McKenzie's additional disabilities are, Auditory Processing Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder and a Seizure Disorder.

Each disorder comes with it's own difficulties. Her ability to enjoy going to a job, going out for coffee, swimming with friends, or eating dinner out are very limited given her anxiety.

Anxiety is a condition of Autism and is not easily managed. The only thing that has increased her ability to be part of this world is ABA. Before ABA McKenzie would spend hours in her bedroom perseverating on many strange items. She would get stuck in her world of Autism and we could not help her come out. She had become very reclused and depressed. We had no way to get inside her and pull her back to life.

We have spent years seeking help from many experts. Nothing has helped McKenzie come out from inside herself except for ABA.

Her bedroom routine was a 3 hour ordeal. Thanks to ABA programming we have reduced it to 30 minutes. Now she has time to go to work. Invite friends for breakfast etc.

McKenzie's swim routine was torturous, we would spend an enormous amount of time trying to retrieve her from the pool. Now thanks to the programming it literally takes her a few minutes.

McKenzie lives only 2 blocks from her job. She refused each time we tried to walk to work. With the ABA programming McKenzie is now successful walking to work and enjoying the walking mall in Helena.

We are now able to expose McKenzie to new places and activities with out difficulties.

Our lives are very different now after learning how to support our daughter with ABA programming. We have been limited to what we can do together as a family all her life. But now we can include her in most all things.